

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**September 5, 2001**

**GENERIC DOCKET TO ESTABLISH                    )       DOCKET NO. 01-00526**  
**GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS AND            )**  
**CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION         )**

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**ORDER GRANTING PETITIONS TO INTERVENE**

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This matter came before the Pre-Hearing Officer upon the filing of petitions for leave to intervene filed by Sprint Communications Company, L.P. and ITC^DeltaCom, Inc. on August 23, 2001.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a) sets forth the following criteria for granting petitions to intervene:

(a) The administrative judge or hearing officer shall grant one (1) or more petitions for intervention if:

(1) The petition is submitted in writing to the administrative judge or hearing officer, with copies mailed to all parties named in the notice of the hearing, at least seven (7) days before the hearing;

(2) The petition states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interest may be determined in the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of the law; and

(3) The administrative judge or hearing officer determines that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings shall not be impaired by allowing the intervention.<sup>1</sup>

Each of the petitions is timely filed; substantiates that the legal interests of the intervenor may be determined in this matter; and demonstrates that the interests of justice and the orderly and

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<sup>1</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a) (1998).

prompt conduct of this matter should not be impaired by allowing the intervention. Moreover, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. did not file any objections to the petitions. Therefore, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a), the petitions should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Sprint Communications Company, L.P. and ITC^DeltaCom, Inc. are hereby granted leave to intervene. As intervenors, each may participate in this proceeding as their interests require and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents filed herein.

  
Julie M. Woodruff  
Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary